

Sustainable Development—Partial List of Current City Activities

“Meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.” *UN Commission on Environment (Bruntland Commission, 1984)*

This list is designed to help inform the Sustainable Northampton planning process that the city is kicking off on October 17, 2005 with the American Institute for Architects Sustainable Design Assessment Team’s site visit.

Land Use

Category	Activity	When
Current Plans & policy documents	1. <i>Northampton Vision 2020—Vision and Consistency Analysis</i>	1999
	2. <i>Grow Smart Northampton—Community Development Plan</i>	2003
	3. <i>Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>	2004
	4. <i>Historic Preservation Plan</i>	1992
	5. <i>Central Businesses Architecture—Downtown Study Committee</i>	1999
	6. <i>Design Guidelines Manual: Downtown Northampton CBD</i>	1999
	7. <i>Historic Mill River Redevelopment Plan</i>	2000
	8. <i>Open Space and Recreation Plan- 2005-2010</i>	2002-05
	9. <i>Valley Vision—PVPC’s Regional Plan</i>	2005
	<u>Area Plans</u>	
	1. <i>Meadows Land Use Plan</i>	2005
	2. <i>Downtown Northampton: Today, Tomorrow and the Future</i>	2000
	3. <i>Florence Plan</i>	1997
	4. <i>State Hospital Plan</i>	1994
	5. <i>The Future of West Street (Goody Clancy)</i>	2005
Board structure	1. Conservation Commission 2. Planning Board 3. Board of Public Works 4. Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and Land Use 5. Central Business Architecture Committee 6. Elm Street Historic District Commission 7. Historical Commission 8. Housing Partnership/Fair Housing	Current
Public Investment		
Regulations	1. Central Business Architectural Ordinance 2. Elm Street Historic District 3. Demolition Review Ordinance 4. Zoning ordinance—with new urbanism and cluster provisions	
under development	1. Zoning ordinance—Cluster rewrite complete by outside consultant and Planning Board- not yet submitted 2. Zoning ordinance—Planning Board discussions of extending TDR to more areas 3. Zoning to implement the Meadows land use plan.	2004 2005

Economic Development

Category	Activity	When
Current Plans & policy documents	1. <i>Northampton Vision 2020—Vision and Consistency Analysis</i>	1999
	2. <i>Grow Smart Northampton—Community Development Plan</i>	2003
	3. <i>Economic Development Strategy</i>	1998
	4. <i>Cultural Plan</i>	c. 1990
	5. <i>Historic Mill River Redevelopment Plan</i>	2002-05
	6. <i>Plan for Progress—PVPC's regional ED plan</i>	
	7. <i>PVPC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)</i>	2005
	8. <i>CBD Parking Needs Study & New Garage Analysis</i>	2000
	9. <i>Downtown Streetscape Plan</i>	2005
	10. <i>Economic Target Area Plan</i>	2002
	<u>Area Plans</u>	
	1. <i>Downtown Northampton: Today, Tomorrow and the Future</i>	2000
	2. <i>State Hospital Plan</i>	1994
	3. Three-County Fairgrounds strategic plan (Fair, Chamber, City)	2005
	4. <i>Business Park Conceptual Plan</i>	1995
Board structure	1. Planning Board	Current
	2. Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and Land Use	
	3. Arts Council	
	4. Redevelopment Authority	
Public Investment	1. Mayors Economic Development Coordinator	
	2. Multiple tax increment financing efforts	
	3. Capital improvement funding for related infrastructure	
	4. Academy of Music rehabilitation	
	5. Downtown streetscape improvements	
Under development	1. Village at Hospital Hill Redevelopment	
	2. Route 10 Business Park planning	
	3. Improved broadband business service	
	4. Parking garage planning	

Energy and Climate Protection

Category	Activity	When
Current Plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Northampton Climate Protection Inventory</i> 2. Regional alternative energy plan under development (PVPC) 3. <i>Feasibility Study for Low-Head Hydropower</i> 	2001 Current 1979
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conservation Commission 2. Planning Board 3. Board of Public Works 4. Northampton Energy Resources Commission (inactive) 	Current
Public Investment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CDBG housing rehabilitation at energy star standards 2. Network of 9 miles of rail trails under development 3. City sale of landfill gas for electric generation 4. NGO Green energy option (brings in alternative energy match funds) 	Current
Regulations		
Under development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoning—lighting standards (at Planning Board review) 	2005

Green Infrastructure

Category	Activity	When
Current Plans	1. <i>Northampton Vision 2020—Vision and Consistency Analysis</i>	1999
	2. <i>Grow Smart Northampton—Community Development Plan</i>	2003
	3. <i>Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>	2004
	4. <i>Open Space and Recreation Plan 2005-2010</i>	2005
	5. <i>Northampton Streetscape Improvement Plan</i>	2005
	<u>Area Plans</u>	
	1. <i>Meadows Land Use Plan</i>	2005
	2. <i>Historic Mill River Redevelopment Plan</i>	2002-05
Board structure	1. Conservation Commission 2. Planning Board 3. Board of Public Works 4. Recreation Commission 5. Trustees of Look Park 6. Agricultural Commission (proposed for 2005 or 2006) 7. Northampton Tree Committee 8. Economic Development, Land Use, Housing Committee	Current
Public Investment	1. EPA Brownfields Pilot (downtown/Mill River brownfield) 2. AG Brownfields grant (downtown/Mill River brownfield) 3. EPA Targeted Site Assessment (Round House/downtown) 4. EPA Targeted Site Assessment (DPW Properties) 5. Purchase of 100 acres/year open space 6. Water treatment plan (under construction) 7. Water supply protection land acquisition 8. Water supply lands enhanced management efforts 9. Northampton State Hospital Redevelopment	2003-05 2003 2001 2002 ongoing 2005-ongoing
Regulations	1. Northampton Wetlands Ordinance 2. Northampton Stormwater Ordinance 3. Northampton Zoning environmental provisions (noise, light etc)	Current
Under development	1. Wetlands Ordinance rewrite to preserve vernal pools and create more consistent regulatory environment 2. Redevelopment plans for downtown brownfield site 3. Assistance for cleanup of private/public brownfield sites	current

Housing and Social Equity

Category	Activity	When
Current Plans	1. <i>Northampton Vision 2020—Vision and Consistency Analysis</i>	1999
	2. <i>Grow Smart Northampton—Community Development Plan</i>	2003
	3. <i>CDBG Consolidated Plan</i>	2005
	<u>Related</u>	2005
	1. <i>Smith College Development Agreement</i>	2005
Board structure	1. Housing Partnership/Fair Housing Committee 2. Planning Board 3. Human Rights Commission 4. Committee on Disabilities 5. Regional supportive housing effort (host community for staffing) 6. Affordable Housing Trust	Current
Public Investment	1. CDBG housing rehabilitation 2. CDBG investments in affordable housing and homeless shelters 3. City-owned homeless shelter (CDBG and outside funding) 4. HUD Supportive Housing for homeless populations 5. Northampton State Hospital reuse 6. Affordable Housing Trust Fund	
Regulations	1. Subdivision inclusionary housing requirements 2. Zoning inclusionary housing bonus density provisions	

Transportation

Category	Activity	When
Current Plans & policy documents	1. <i>Comprehensive Municipal Transportation Plan</i>	2005
	2. <i>Northampton Transportation Plan</i>	2002
	3. <i>King Street Corridor Plan</i> (VHB)	2003
	4. <i>Regional Transportation</i> (PVPC)	
Board structure	1. Board of Public Works 2. Transportation and Parking Commission 3. Route 9 Transportation Management Agency (regional) 4. Metropolitan Planning Organization and Joint Transportation Committee (regional)	Current
Public Investment	1. Network of 9 miles of rail trails under development 2. Network of 3 miles of bike lanes under development 3. New bicycle racks and employee's bicycle storage downtown 4. New sidewalk investments	
Regulations	1. Zoning transportation mitigation requirements 2. Zoning and subdivision bicycle and pedestrian provisions	
Under development	1. Discussions of zip car or other car sharing service 2. Smith College parking study (by Smith) to examine ways to reduce traffic and improve parking	